OIC - A Promising Development Concept

Charles A. Bovan, a dynamic, young, Black man with sound convictions, and a stern dedication to see them through, has come to Saginaw. Charles Bovan has been named to head Saginaw's Opportunity Industrialization Center (OIC).

Mr Bovan heralded OIC as today's most effective remedial program to solve the dilemma faced by the unemployed, the underemployed (dead-end type jobs) and the partially employed. The success of OIC (where many other programs of this sort have failed), is due largely to OIC's self-sustaining nature. In other words, it (OIC), is not shackled by the bonds of bureaucracy and red-tape which so very often hampers the effectiveness of other related local quasi-type government and Federally funded community efforts.

OIC's philosophy of helping others to help themselves is motivated by the concept that if you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. But if you teach a man to fish, he will eat for a lifetime. These ideals of OIC, consequently, boost one's self-pride and raises those individuals who struggle in the abysmal depths of human misery to a pinnacle of human dignity. Mr Bovan aptly describes OIC as a restoration of "Individual pride, self-respect, and self-confidence." A living testimony of these characteristics, Mr Bovan readily recalls the 'lean' years of his life. But unlike so many of today's Black men, who have attained some degree of prominence and lose sight of from whence they came, Charles Bovan is avidly endeavoring to lift his fellow Black brothers up the ladder of human dignity. And he is unquestionably certain that OIC is the answer.

There are seven basic objectives of OIC. They are:

*To train or retrain millions of men and women with untapped talents and unknown skills, who are unemployed and underemployed.

*To involve the total community in the awareness of the value of preparation, thereby stimulating and inspiring individuals to seek higher levels of productivity, creativity, and achievement.

*To Develop among trainees and associates a sense of increased economic security.

*To foster and nuture a sense of self-pride which will give a trainee confidence in himself and enable him to participate with dignity in the total society.

*To stimulate loyalty and pride in the community. . . a sense of brotherhood involving all religious, racial, cultural, economic, political, and other groups.

*To adapt the training program to meet the challenge of changing technology advances and current business needs.

*To develop an awareness of man's relationships and responsibilities to his fellow man, along with the ability to act in constructive manner in the community, and the world. Hence, OIC will seek to develop the "whole man."

Every man deserves a chance. He should plot his own destiny. That's what OIC is all about.

Surprising as it may sound, the most important part of OIC is you. For without the support of the Black community, this dynamic program and others like it are unavoidably doomed to failure. And your dividends are proportionately greater than your investments. An example of this is Progress Plaza. Progress Plaza is a Black Shopping center in Philadelphia. The entire shopping area was designed by all Blacks. And all the stores in the shopping center have Black managers. Progress Plaza was made possible by OIC. Certainly, no one can deny the fact that Progress Plaza is a meaningful uplift for Black Philadelphians. It stands as a Hallmark in Black achievement and Black Pride. Black communities have witnessed a multitude of advantages from OIC. OIC is responsible for the Sullivan Apartment complex. Methrodome clinics, an Aero-space center, clothing factories, all of this and more have been made into realities as a result of OIC. And the work is just beginning. It is up to the community to get behind this organization and other community organizations which offer tangible action rather than just empty words.

For Saginaw, OIC has been long over-due. You can be most assured that Charles A. Bovan is a man who can make it work.

★★★

TIPS ON QUITTING CIGARETTES	
1.	Pick a Q (Quit) Day.
2.	Switch to a low tar-nicotine brand, and begin to cut down BEFORE Q Day.
3.	Keep a supply of substitutes handy: mints, gum, celery, carrot sticks.
4.	Quit on Q Day; use substitutes when the urge to smoke is strong; keep busy; pamper yourself with special meals; drink plenty of water; exercise.
5.	Renew your resolve daily. Think over the health hazards of cigarettes.
6.	Plan a treat for yourself with the money you used to spend on cigarettes.

Charles A. Bovan, Director of O. I. C.

THE VALLEY STAR

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 18 SAGINAW, MICHIGAN APRIL 2, 1971

HOYT PUBLIC LIBRARY
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

Bobbie Named No. 1 Checker

Mrs Barbara Davis, of 119 South 12th Street, who is known to her friends as "Bobbie," has been named by The Kroger Company as "Number One Head-Checker of Zone Five." Zone Five includes eleven stores in the greater Saginaw area. The award was announced on Wednesday, March 24.

In an interview with Valley Star last week, Mrs Davis talked about the award. The decision as to who receives this award, she said, was based 50% on cash control accuracy, 25% on bookkeeping accuracy, and 25% on clean and neat appearance of the front section of the store, for which the head-checker is responsible, along with the supervision of all checkers and bag-boys.

Mrs Davis has been a Kroger employee for nine years. She began as a part-time checker at the East Genesee Street store. When the Pere Marquette store was opened in July of 1966, she was transferred there to the position of headchecker, which she still holds. Last year, the store took second place in Kroger's Zone Five Profit Competition. Mrs Davis' recent award now places her in state-wide competition for "Head-Checker of the Year," against winners from the other seven zones.

At home, she is Mrs Lavern Davis, wife of a successful barber, and mother of two sons. Six-year-old Steven attends Mount Carmel School; Guy, age 13, attends Sacred Heart School, where he is becoming quite widely known for his basketball prowess. Mrs Davis also keeps busy with another of her favorite pastimes, designing and making her own clothes.

The family are members of Sacred Heart Parish, where Mrs Davis also keeps where Mrs Davis is active in the PTA, and recently took time from her crowded schedule to make new uniforms for the eighth-grade cheerleaders at Sacred Heart School.

Asked what, in her opinion, was the reason for her success in her work and other areas of life, she answered that her secret was in her ability to get along well with all kinds of people. She said she gets along with everyone because, "there is no real difference between you and me."

And in that simple observation lies a lesson for us all.

Valley Star congratulates Barbara Davis on her recent award, and salutes her for her contribution to her community.

Mrs. Davis smiles at one of her many customers she has had.

Barbara shows her winning form at the cash register.

City Council Discusses New Bridge

One of the major issues going over the City Council table Monday night was the now closed Center St. Bridge, which while opened, provided swift movement of traffic across the Saginaw River, with as many as 11,000 automobiles traveling across it in a days span.

The issue of the bridge caused great discussion on the subject of whether to repair the bridge or build another bridge, which would be costly to the city, cumbersome to the public to get across the river over a different bridge while another is being built, which would be a great inconvenience.

One, or maybe a few problems with a new bridge would be acquiring the money for a new bridge. and finding a alternate means of providing sufficient crossing to the public who need the bridge so much.

The Council approved a purchase contract for $19,-008 to RCA Broadcast and Communications Products Division for 24 mobile transmitting units. These units fit city specifications and prices remained the same as past years.

The city also approved a purchase from the Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc. for 15 portable transmitters and receivers for $9,961.

The Council approved the hiring of the firm Hazelet and Erdal of Michigan to prepare plans, specifications and cost estimates for repair of the center Street Bridge. The firm will also prepare bidding documents and update the estimated cost of replacing this bridge, and two others.

Mayor Light announced the appointment of Frank B. Neiderstadt as the City's representative to Saginaw Health Incorporated. This is a Saginaw County Health planning organization.

An ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Uniform Building Code was introduced by Councilman Loucks. The ordinance was laid over for two weeks.

The Council meeting, with the exception of great debate on the Center St. Bridge and the new upcoming budget, was relatively filled with minor business that had to be taken care of. Also, there was still nothing on the replacement of Rev Austin's empty position due to his resignation two weeks ago.

THE VALLEY STAR

P. O. BOX 651
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48605
TELEPHONE: 517-752-0416
The Valley Star Is Published Every Friday By
Alonza Colvin and Sons,
P.O. Box 651, Saginaw, Michigan 48605.
Subscription Rates By Mail As Follows:
$5.00 Per Year
Alonza Colvin . . . . . Editor-Publisher

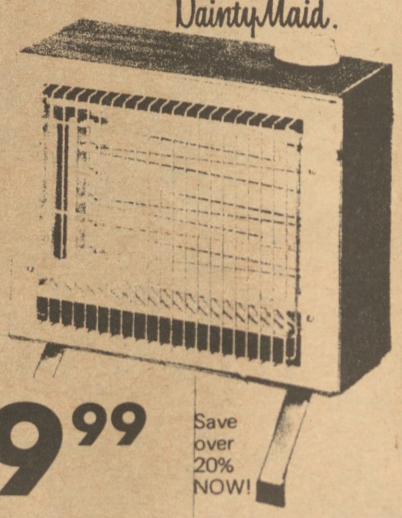
Drop out now.
Pay later.

Twice as many dropouts are out of work as high school graduates.

If you're in school, stay there.

ELECTRIC HEATERS!

CLOSE OUT



$9.99 Save over 20% NOW!

Dainty Maid Compact Heater Instant glow ribbon heat plus fan-forced circulating heat. Automatic thermostat; internal safety switch. So compact; carry it anywhere.
47762 8e

POTTER STREET HARDWARE

538 Potter St.
Saginaw PL 2-9406
A Trustworthy Store

We've Moved!

McArn & Wilson Real Estate Agency
Announce They're At Their New Location,
1838 East Genesee Avenue.

- McARN & WILSON REAL ESTATE IS TRAINED IN FINANCING HOMES AS WELL AS IN COUNCELING.
- CALL PL-5-6548 FOR COMPLETE SERVICE. OPEN 9-5 WEEKDAYS and 9-1 SATURDAYS.

NEW OFFICE

BETWEEN WHITTER & REMINGTON

McARN & WILSON REAL ESTATE AGENCY

1838 East Genesee Ave. **Saginaw** **PL-5-6548**

A NEW HOME

Can Be Yours This Year

$200 DOWN

Many Locations To Choose From

PRICES FROM
$19,000 to $21,000
Approx. $110 monthly
8% annual percentage rate.
360 payments
30 year mortgage
(down payments and monthly payments are approximate figures based on your yearly earnings.)

City Townships Urban Areas

Rodarte BUILDERS INC.

5626 DIXIE HWY., SAGINAW

777-2250

AFTER 6 P.M.
PHONE . . . 753-2109

VISIT OUR NEW MODEL HOME
3223 SHERIDAN
MODEL OPEN DAILY NOON TO 7 P.M.
SUNDAYS 1 TO 5 P.M.
MODEL PHONE . . . 752-2251

Reese Teachers Continue Strike

BY Michael Franklin

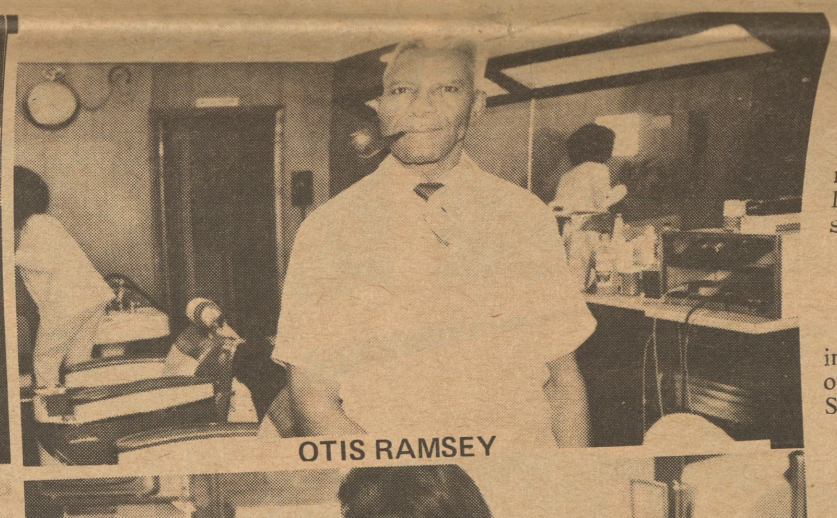
Continued efforts are ensuing by the 44 membered Reese Teachers Education Association (RTEA) to reach a contractural agreement with the Reese School Board. A 39-day old strike by the teachers has revealed that there is little hope of an immediate finalization of the dispute.

Thoroughly disenchanted with the school board's "bad faith bargaining policy", the RTEA intends to see the initiated actions of the strike through until a just settlement has been reached.

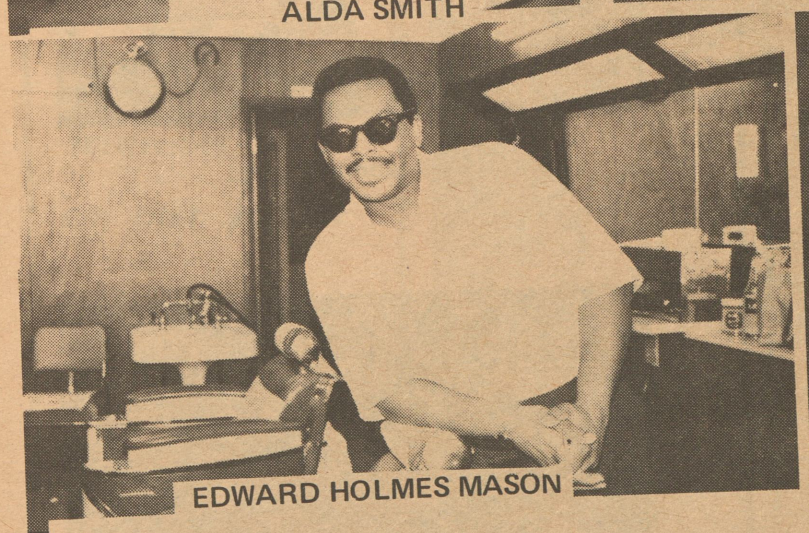
Mr Winslow, one of the teachers fired along with the other striking (RTEA) members, informed us that the problem at the Reese School District is nothing new. A pattern of "bad faith bargaining" by the superintendent has been witnessed for quite some time.

According to Mr Winslow, "The school board did not really want a contract. They seemed to be out solely to break up the RTEA." Mr Winslow goes on to say, "They (Reese School Board) want to make them subservient to outmoded notions of jural perogatives." The school board, Mr Winslow assures us, obviously thought they could break up the RTEA by intimidation and subsequently firing the RTEA personnel. The outcome of the school board's actions was a direct reversal of what they had anticipated. The dispute in Reese is producing more solidarity between all the organizations in the state. They are concerned, and they are showing their concern in many ways. The RTEA plans to continue negotiations and employ legal avenues to try and settle the present dispute.

ALDA SMITH



OTIS RAMSEY



EDWARD HOLMES MASON

MARY BEEMON (Coming Soon)

Alda's Barber Shop

Now Have A Full Staff Of Professional Barbers.

Alda's Says: "Hair Styling Is Our Number One Service.

That Hair Style That's Becoming To You Will Be Coming From Us."

1113 E. GENESEE PHONE 753-7511

WIPE OUT CANCER

We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime. Give generously to the American Cancer Society crusade this year.

BEWARE THE QUACK

Beware of unfounded claims and unproven methods of cancer treatment, says the American Cancer Society. "Sure cures" for cancer may prevent proper life-saving treatment.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY: 6-7:30 p.m. Missionary – 6-7:30 p.m. Red Circle Sunshine – Band (1st & 4th).
WEDNESDAY: 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting – 7 p.m. Bible Study.
THURSDAY: 6 p.m. Nurses Guild (2nd) – 6 p.m. Young Adult Choir Rehearsal (every Thurs.).
SATURDAY: 4 p.m. Senior Usher Board – 6 p.m. Gospel & Male Chorus Rehearsal (1st And 3rd).
SUNDAY: 7 p.m. BYF (2nd & 4th) – 4-5 p.m. (2nd & 4th) Young Matrons.

Joyces Place

Farewell Luncheon Held For Paul Woods

Paul Woods, former Deputy Director for the Model Cities Program here in Saginaw was honored with his fellow employees and co-workers on March 26, 1971 at the Treasure Island Restaurant. Mr Woods gave his resignation on March 11, 1971 which became effective on March 25, 1971. Mr Woods will assume the title of Deputy Director for the Model Cities Program in Highland Michigan at a higher pay scale.

Mr Woods had many friends and employees to come out and wish him the best of everything on his new job. Presented to him by Jack Chapis from well wishers was a black statue sporting the familiar words "Black is Beautiful". From Linda Mills, one of Mr Woods co-workers, Mr Woods was presented with another gift from friends and well-wishers. Mr Woods was quite pleased with this gift--a pair of black hand carved statues. With a bright smile as he looked at his gifts, he said he would cherish these items always.

Paul Woods has made many friends here during his stay in Saginaw with the Model Cities Program I am sure that everyone who knows Paul and what he stands for, helps me in wishing him the VERY VERY BEST of everything.

Good Luck Paul.

THE PANTS STORE

For Bell Bottom and Straight Leg Pants

This Easter Don't Wait!
Go To The Store Where
Quality Counts

129 S. Franklin

SAGINAW

Angie Vernon and Paul pose with gifts.

Harriet Gipson and Paul make a toast.

ENCISOS MARKET

YOUR ONE STOP MARKET
OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
1000 N. 6th ST., SAGINAW

FREE
PARKING

CHITTERLING..... 10 Lb. For $2.99

RABBITS..... 69¢ Lb.

SALT PORK..... 39¢ Lb.

SMOKE KNUKLES..... 39¢ Lb.

Encisos Market

Paul admires gifts

Luncheon Guests

The
VALLEY STAR
takes you on
a tour each
week to the

BLUE NOTE
North Washington
at 25th Street

MR B's
15th at Remington

THE
BISMARK
3rd and Lapeer
The Carter Brothers
Your Host

Be There
Next Week
And Join
The Fun

JOHN'S
RECREATION
Keeps a
watchful,
friendly eye
on our youth

THE AMERICAN
LEGION on
WADSWORTH
Fun And Dancing
Wed. And Fri.
Thru Sun.

★ Looking For Something? Check The Classified Section! ★

Neighborhood Grocery
Fresh Vegetables
Daily Household Needs
1338 Cherry - 755-9546

Tri-City Collision
Complete Service
Bumping & Painting
Low Cost - Fast Service
Welding - Glass Replacement
24 Hour Wrecker Service
Call 754-9000

Beneficial Finance Co.
of Saginaw 48607
214½ E. Genesee Ave.
System Since 1914
Phone PL 5-8141

The Squire Shop
418 E. Genesee
Men's Wear
And The Rouge
Phone: 753-5241

Carmalia Southend Beauty Salon
2620 S. Washington
Facial, Manicure, Hairstyling, Permanents, Wigs, Wiglets & Falls.
Open Mon. Thurs. & Sat.
8 A.M. To 6 P.M.
PHONE: 755-9245

Van's Carpet
Carpet For Every Room In Your Home
Call PL 3-4891
For Free Estimate

OR 75-45700
Millard & Park
403 S. PARK

LaFavorita Groc.
Meats & Vegetables
Beer & Wine
Liquor
1401 N. Sixth St.
Phone: 754-5297

Red Ball Cab
N. 6th Street
Day & Nite Service
Messenger Service &
Light Package Delivery
Phone: 753-9861

Dept. of Model Cities
1407 Janes
Saginaw, Michigan
Phone: PL 5-2142

Smith Bros. Food Mkt.
1701 Janes
Phone: PL 2-6711

Tri-City Turn Key Investment
& Management Co.
548 Shattuck
Phone: 755-3405

First State Bank
101 S. Washington
Loans, Mortgages, Savings, and Checking Accounts
Drive-in Facility
Member of FDIC
Phone: 752-7151

Rodarte Builders
5626 Dixie Highway
$200 Down Payment
Prices Range From
$18,000 To $21,000
Phone: 777-2250

VALLEY STAR
P. O. Box 651
48605
Phone: 752-0416

McCray's Market
2904 Wadsworth
Full Line of Groceries & Meat
Open Mon.-Thurs. 9-6; Fri.-Sat. 9-8; Sun. 10 to 4
PL-5-4221

Neighborhood Youth Corps
2302 Narlock
Saginaw, Mi. 48601
Nurame Austin,
Project Director
Phone: 517-753-8687

Cambell's Grocery
1227 Corner of Janes & 6th St.
Cold Beer, Wine, & Champagne On Ice
Phone: 755-9110

Enciso's Super Mkt. 1000 N. 6th St.
Phone: 752-5463

Dawkin's Arco Service Station
300 S. Warren
Phone: PL 5-9873

SILMAN'S
Army & Navy Store
Lee Riders Jeans & Jacket
Complete Line of Bell Bottom Pants
409 E. Genesee, Saginaw
Phone PL-5-9035

U.A.W. Local 668 Building
1601 N. 6th.
Saginaw, Mich.
Phone 753-4489

CARS - TRUCKS
NEW & USED — HOT ONES
2nd CARS — VANS — ETC.
SEE **TED RORK** AT
SAGINAW DODGE
5355 STATE PHONE 799-6320

The Dipolmat Club
1003 Lapeer
Saginaw, Michigan

Pioneer Electric
Of Saginaw, Michigan
Phone 755-6789
Bill Holloway
Owner

Davis Remodeling
Complete Home Repairs - Aluminum Siding - Storm Windows - Storm Doors - Roofs - Garages - Electrical - Fire Work - Basements - Kitchens - Bathrooms - Additions - Driveways - Awnings - Insurance Work - Porches - Decorating - Steps And Rails
ESTIMATES ANYTIME
356 S. 24th St. PL 2-6717
Saginaw, Michigan

Kucher's Standard Service
Pick Up & Delivery
Open Daily 7 A.M. To 10 P.M.
6th At Lapeer Call PL 5-9887

Smitty Grocery
STOP AT SMITTY'S AND SAVE
Visit Our New Novelty Shop
2237 Annesley Ph. 755-9487

Stan's Hardware Inc.
Saginaw's Key & Lock Service
Locks & Safes Repaired
Wardsworth At N. 14th
Bonded Locksmiths
Phone 752-7062

MARTINEZ GROCERY
1522 Perkins
Beer & Wine Take Out
Open 7 Days A Week

★

McARN & WILSON
REAL ESTATE AGENCY
Open 9-5 Weekdays
9-1 Saturdays
1838 E. Genesse Ave. PL 5-6548
SAGINAW

★

GREAT WESTERN TAILORING CO.
"PROFESSIONAL TAILORING"
ELIHUE MYERS, Dealer
And Measuring Consultant
944 Athens Ph. 755-8440
SAGINAW, MICH.

★

Be A Grandma And Love It

by Michael Franklin

There is more than just validity in the adage, "You're only as old as you feel." There's truth in it as well, so says my grandmother. It seems nowadays that growing old is no longer a necessary occupational hazard of grandmothers. And many rocking chairs and walking canes are unerringly being avoided by this sect of senior citizens.

Not taking anything from grandpappahood, but grandmothers are not only the salt of the earth, but the pepper as well. Without them, life would have no spice. To this, my grandmother is certainly no exception.

In her declining years, Mama Lillie, as we all call her, recoils from being referred to as being old. Whenever there was even the slightest inference of her old age, she would always counter with, "You can call me ugly, but don't call me old!" Some time ago, I wrote a piece which very aptly described her. This description could perhaps be applied to all grandmothers. It went: "Mama Lillie's like a sturdy oak, rough-hewn by time. The only effect nature's erosive forces had on her was that of increased stability and fortification."

Though she boasts over seventy years, she hasn't let age slow her stride nor her wit. One evening, her joints were "supposedly" acting up, so she decided to partake in her "rheumatism medicine." She filled her glass with a shot of the medicinal essence and shuffled from the kitchen into the living room. Upon entering the room, she looked up and chanced to see her minister who had brought her Sacrament. Without cracking a smile, she started searching the room as if looking for someone and said, "What happened to that little old lady who wanted me to fix this drink for her?"

Aside from her dangerously high degree of resourceful thinking, she has cultivated an awesome talent for arguing. With her, any type of verbal confrontation is useless. She can pilot an argument with ease toward her direction, and have you mysteriously admitting that she was right all along, and you were a fool to even consider disagreeing with her. The persuasiveness of her arguments is so intense, she could probably convince the sun that it was supposed to shine only on Tuesday between the hours of 1:07 and 3:39 a.m.

Though she's quite perceptive, Mama Lillie still retains some of the naivite which is a partner to old age. On her first trip to the zoo, a couple summers ago, she caught her first glimpse of an ostrich. She shockingly remarked, "My God, will you look at that big turkey!"

There is much about Mama Lillie that would make the most sour person chuckle. The only way to fully appreciate her is to know her. Hoping to avoid sounding trite, I must say, to know her is to love her.

Here Are Techniques In Using Tact

BY WILLIE ALLEN

Few of us like to criticize others, but there are occassions, of course, when we feel compelled, or duty requires us, to do so. If on the occasion, you want to make your critiism as platable as possible to the other person so that he will act upon it, here are a few suggesstions to keep in mind that all spell T-A-C-T;

1. "Criticize the Act not the Person". And make it clear that you are doing so. This will make the person feel less insecure and less skeptical of your motives. He won't be so apt to feel that the purpose of your criticism is merely to "take him down a notch or two" rather than to be helpful.

2. "Never Criticize When You Are Angry". Your emotions will run away with your reason if you do and you'll probably make the best speech you'll ever feel sorry for.

3. "Always Adopt A Constructive Attitude". The purpose of criticism is not to find fault (which is purely destructive conduct), but to help others improve and do better. Criticism is an educational process, and the reason so few of us respond favorably to criticism is that so few of our critics make much of an attempt to take a strictly constructive approach.

4. "Never Allow Yourself To Get Sarcastic". You may often feel tempted to, especially if the other person doesn't seem to have exhibited "the common sense of a two year old". But resist the temptation. Sarcasm carries a deadly sting worse than that of a bull whip and can leave scars that even time cannot fully heal. It's wiser to follow the advice of Carlyle when he said: "Sarcasm is the language of the devil; for which reason I have long since as good as renounced it". Sarcasm has rightfully been called the questionable weapon of questionable intellects" because it merely reveals a sharp, uncontrollable temper coupled with a dearth of reasoning.

5. Don't necessarily assume that the other person is always at fault. Whenever a mistake is made there is rarely just one person responsible for it. Frequently, there is someone else who should or could have caught it or prevented it too. So don't jump to the conclusion that the fault is one person's and one person's alone. Perhaps the mistake was made because of faulty, unclear, or incomplete instructions, for instance; Your instructions? Something to think about.

6. Criticize in private never in the Presence of others. There's nothing more humiliating and destructive of a person's pride and self respect than to be taken down a peg before others, especially one's fellow employees. It compounds the person's bitterness and resentment. As one writer has observed: "The human spirit can rise above almost any handicap except the destruction of self respect."

7. Use the sandwich method. Slip your criticism or suggestions for improvement in between two layers of compliments. The compliments, of course should be sincere and honest (not mere flattery). In other words, sugar coat the pill.

It will pay you to keep these suggestions in mind the next time you feel called upon to give someone "a piece of your mind". Remember that the ego is the most tender part of the human anatomy and that everyone, no matter how thick skinned he may appear to you, wears an invisible sign that says "Fragile, Handle with Care". If you handle him with care, you'll find that he'll find your criticism much easier to take and profit by.

Survey Slated

The Manpower and Citizens Participation Divisions of the Model Cities Department launched a manpower survey of the Model City Area beginning Monday, March 29. Staff members are distributing questionnaries to each home in the area with the request that persons fill it out and mail it back. A stamped, addressed envelope is included for convenience.

The Model Cities Department is gathering information on employment, unemployment and underemployment; on the kinds of jobs persons hold; and what training programs residents want.

A pilot survey has just been completed, and the response to the questionnarie has been excellent.

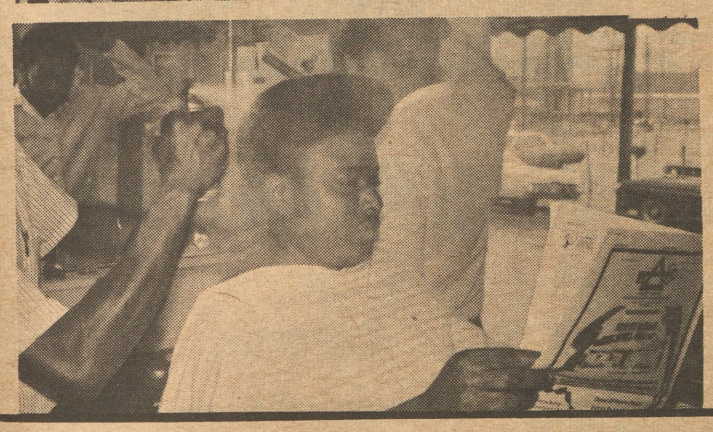
Conducted under the direction of Mrs Betty Smith, Citizens Participation Coordinator, and William DeBrodt, Manpower Coordinator this survey and the questionairre are for persons sixteen years old and older who are not in school.

Carter's Barber Shop

SECOND & LAPEER STREET
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

It is one of the fine barber shops who specialize in hair styles for you. Carters & Brothers are noted throughout Saginaw for their many, many talents as well as barbers. So we welcome you and your friends at:

Open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
Closed Wednesday
And they are very proud to have you.



Feel Clean This Spring!!!

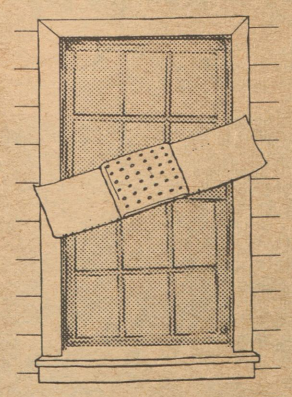
VAN CARPET
Announces It's
SPRING CLEANING

RUGS ..... Reg. 10¢ sq. ft. Now 8¢ A Sq. Ft.

CHAIR CHAIRS SMALL $5.00

CHAIRS LARGE $7.50

Sick Windows?



All the patching in the world won't make old windows healthier . . .

CALL 799-4622

The All New Design/Engineered

NUPRIME*

Aluminum Replacement Window

is the prescription you need for those "sick" windows in your home or apartment building.

*Patents Pending

Now you can replace old, drafty, hard to clean, problem windows at a savings of up to 40% over wood replacement installations. Nuprime replacement windows are sturdy, safe, easy to install, easy to operate,

Don't Forget. Hire The Vet!

Nuprime Aluminum Replacement Window was developed by Season-all's design and production engineers to be a "replacement" window with all the features of a quality prime window.

WINDOW CONVERSION CO.
1316 S. MICHIGAN, SAGINAW

Princing & Brennan's Pharmacy

Not Only Fills Your Prescriptions But Your Other Needs Such As Cosmetics.

FOR PROMPT SERVICE,
Stop In At 1925 Janes Street
Today! Phone: 752-6163

PRINCING and BRENNAN

PRESCRIPTION PHARMACIES
STATE AT COURT SW. 2-6441
JANES AT 14th PL. 2-6163
SAGINAW, MICH.

Gin, A Badly Missed Problem

by Michael Franklin

Love has many faces. It can be eating collard greens and neckbones by candlelight with your main-squeeze. It can be a mother's joyful tears when she's presented a second-hour art class, hand-made piece of pottery, which her son (for very dubious reasons) called an ash-tray. Love can even be a toddler letting a cat have a lick of his ice-cream cone. But for our family, love had an even different face. For us, love had a tail, went 'bow-wow', and bore the most uncommon name of Gin. . . .No, he wasn't alcoholic!

Our family had its heart stolen by a black-furred, flop - eared Cocker-Spaniel, who (as old folks used to say) was born with trouble over his head. Gin entered our lives like most dogs enter owner's lives. . as a puppy. Thus we were decreed by Providence to undertake the tedious task of indoctrinating him in the standard practices of conventional toilet procedures. . .Or, as my mother (in much simpler and understandable language) put it, "Make that dog do it on the paper!"

Gin was one of the few dogs I know who had his own self-imposed special diet. His hardly diverse menu consisted of ground beef, watermelon and potato-chips. Anything else, he'd turn his nose at and *look at you as if to say, "Now really! I know you don't expect me to eat that mess!"*

Once we insulted him by putting two raw weiners in his dish. There they remained for two days. Each time he passed his plate, he would scowl severely at those two unwanted poles of meat. But he never gave in. Sympathy over-came my mother, and she filled the dish (still leaving the wieners) with ground beef. Gin ate the meat unhurriedly, and he gave the impression that he could have lasted at least another week had there been any need. And then out of sheer contempt, he gulped down the two hot-dogs.

If you may not have noticed, I used the past tense whenever I referred to Gin. This is because Gin is no longer with us. We have so far been unable to account for his absence. He probably just got bored and left. . .or at least we'd like to believe that's the reason for his long overdue return. The last night we let him out, we waited for him to scratch on the door to be let inside. But the scratches never came. And sometimes late at night I think I hear him scratching. I get up, open the door, and feel the arches of disappointment throb

Promise Her Anything - - -

BUT GIVE HER A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE VALLEY STAR.

CLIP AND MAIL COUPON BELOW, OR PHONE SAGINAW 752-0416.

Rates: One Year For $5.00

Mail To: Valley Star, P.O. Box 651
Saginaw, Mi. 48605

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... St.....Zip.....

INDUSTRIAL DRY CLEANERS

1218 N. 6th St. Saginaw, Mich.

Same Day Service On Pickup & Delivery

2-Hours At Plant.

All Types Of Alterations
Open Six Days A Week. 8 A.M. To 6 P.M. Daily
Thirty-two Years Of Professional Experience.

Phone PL 2-5273 For Pickup & Delivery

SAVE At SMITTY'S On SEALTEST MILK

At **99¢** Per Gallon

You'll Also Find FRESH MEATS

Look Over Our New NOVELTY SHOP

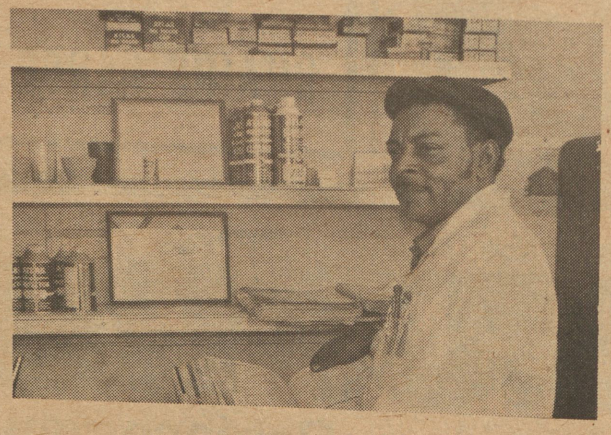
Come In At Your Convenience

STOP IN TODAY AT

SMITTY'S GROCERY

2237 Annesley — Phone No. 755-9487

J.J. Standard



3035 Janes Street, Saginaw

Phone: 755-9214

Don't Wait, Stop In
And See The Friendly
Folks At
J. J. Standard Service

Random Reflections

BILL HOLLOWAY

by barb

Don't ask me why I'm writing this column. I got asked; there was space to fill; I happen to be a good speller. What more is required? So here I am.

I want to try to say something about our world, our city, our schools, our society – you know, the whole crazy scene. I know that sounds dull. If you get bored, go back to your TV. I watch it too, and I'll understand.

Who do I think I am? I think I am a reasonably bright, terribly concerned, unceasingly observing, relentlessly frank citizen of the world.

Who do I think you are? You're someone who happens to be reading this column; maybe you'll keep reading it. You're bright, proud, aware. You want the best for yourself and whoever else is important to you. You live in Saginaw or near it, but really you're a citizen of the world just like me.

I'm not predicting what I'll write about. So many things interest me; it will just depend on what I'm most excited about at the moment. From pot to poetry, from peace to poverty, from politics to people. Whatever turns me on, as they say – or turns me off, or tears me apart.

If I say something you don't like, tell me. That won't stop me from saying it, but it's fun to argue with somebody who can think and cares to.

I'll be here every week.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * *

This week I'd like to make a few obscene cracks about Saginaw schools. A lot of others have been doing just that. But why add obscenity to insantiy? Yes, insanity. A family with a lunatic in its midst may become so used to it that pretty soon insanity seems normal. Just like Saginaw High used to seem normal.

But how insane to place teenagers, insecure, full of undiscovered self, into a vast institution run by officials who give orders instead of understanding.

How absurd to mix people of different backgrounds, values, goals, and make absolutely no effort to acquaint them with each other's life styles.

Finally, how unbelievably naive to treat a basic conflict of the races as a discipline problem.

Reminds you of typical military thinking, doesn't it? Military? Is that what we want our schools to be like?

Ask me how I would solve Saginaw High's problem. Go ahead, ask me. Thank you.

First of all, I would not start at the bottom with the kids. They didn't start the problem. They may be aggravating it, but they can't do one damn thing about solving it. Kids are mostly followers. They copycat their opinions from their heroes, and change their heroes with the seasons.

Second, I would not start with the teachers. Needless to say, Saginaw High's teachers are not the cream of the crop. Saginaw High isn't exactly a sought-after teaching post, and that fact has little to do with the size of the paycheck. What kind of college graduates find themselves forced to accept a classroom located in a virtual battleground? Not the "cum laude" types, brother. These teachers teach the subject and try to get out alive – and that's about it. Isn't that enough? No. Not nearly. Not at all. In fact, it's pretty pathetic. But who really gives the orders?

The administrators. All right, I know they are the perennial scapegoats. They deserve to be. There isn't a teacher or student at Saginaw High who isn't ruled by the dominant attitude of the school administration. It is, and always has been, a complacent, smug, "remote control from the west side," "some of my best friends are colored," law and order attitude. If a problem arose, a new rule was made to cope with it. If a particular student was felt to be the problem, he was eliminated – by the rules, of course.

But suddenly, in the winter of 1970-71, the student body arose and was the problem. Rules had already been made against all the violent things that were happening. Therefore the only way seemed to be the suspension of the whole school. So they did it. And the bewildered, or angry, or frightened, or ignorant parents were commanded to appear with their children and to beg the administration for the right to be educated. Now there are some "new" rules – and new rulers – and the school is open once more.

They solved the problem, right?

But a few nagging questions still remain. Why do children hate? What makes teachers stop caring – if they ever cared? What forces turn a place of learning and discovery into a prison?

And who in the administration has even admitted these questions exist?

Maybe the changes needed are beyond the power of the superintendent, the school board, or the new principal. But I'm just totally cynical about their desire to make any changes at all.

Well, I've run out of room without really making my concrete suggestions as yet. But I've got some and you can read them next week if you're around.

Smile
Pioneer Electric
Of Saginaw

LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
RESIDENTIAL - COMMERICAL
DAY OR NITE CALL ANYTIME
FREE ESTIMATES, RADIO DISPATCHED

Phone 755-6789
Address: 2962 Arlinston Dr.
Saginaw Mich.

We Know Our Business

That's Your Guarantee

Stop Wondering . . . The Best Buys Are At . . .

VAN CARPET

2715 S. Washington Saginaw, Mich.

DuPONT 501
NYLON CARPET

One Of The Very Finest
With Pad And Installation
Free!

For As Little As
$7.95
A Yard

Call Van Carpet Today For Free Estimates.
Open Five Days A Week. Ph. PL 3-4891

BSE is Breast Self-Examination. A monthly exam to help women guard against breast cancer. It's simple; takes about two minutes. If you don't know how to do BSE, ask your doctor; or ask us.

American Cancer Society
PHOTO NO. 7260-03 7255.10 (MAT)

Junior High 'Takes Over' At Ricker

Seventh and eighth grade students at Buena Vista's Ricker Junior High took over the building on March 25th. They occupied the administration and counseling offices, and they replaced teachers in the classrooms.

It was all part of a planned program called "Student Day." The purpose of the day, according to John Parham, Dean of Students, "was to see what the atmosphere of school is like with students in charge, to give the students a chance to be in the position of authority so they could observe the operation of the school from an administrative standpoint, and to generate school spirit and enthusiasm."

Staff meeting with principal Kimber Rance, Willie Reed Dean of Students, Girls Counselor Jenise Lewis and Fred Chaney.

Kimber Rance, 8th grade took the place of Vernon Johnson as principal. "It was a great experience. I think we should have "Students' Day more often!" was Kimber's reaction.

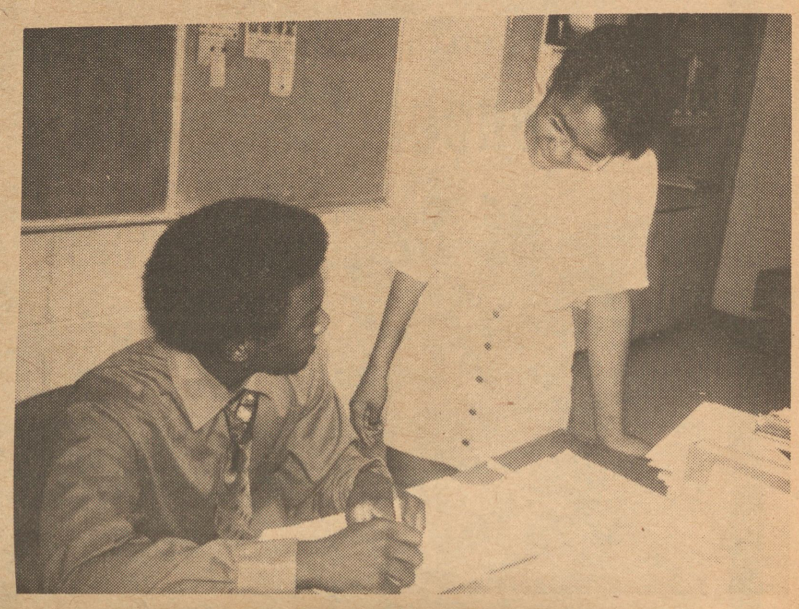
Dean of Students was Willie Reed, 8th grade. He commented, "I think that the Student Day program was very successful."

Gwen Jones, girls' counselor, and Stanley Mulka, boys' counselor, surrendered their offices to Jenise Lewis, 8th grade, and Fred Chaney, 8th grade. They sat in on some student conferences and offered some of their own advice to troubled students. Both expressed surprise at the amount of paper work involved in the counselors' jobs.

Teachers chose student-teachers for their classes throughout the day. Their comments revealed that the students were generally patient and responsive to their new teachers.

At a teachers' meeting after school, the regular staff and the "junior staff" were served refreshments.

Music instructions.



Young teachers discuss strategy.

Students experiment in Science class.

Student and teacher

AUTO INTERIOR DECORATORS

Convertible Tops

Seat Repair

How About New Seat Covers For This Spring and Summer

Stop In And See Bill Charlton Today Or

Call 754-4817

Located At 1717 E. Genesee

Next Door To A & W Root Beer

GM Tests Telephone Complaint Service

General Motors is testing a new customer relations program in the Chicago area aimed at putting customers in direct toll-free telephone contact with the company's Owner Relations Department in Detroit.

The test will begin early in April and will last for 90 days.

James M. Roche, chairman of General Motors, in announcing the program said, "We always want to keep an open line between the customer and ourselves. Every General Motors warranty sets forth a simple, three-step procedure by which the customer may communicate with us... Today, I want to announce that we are going a step further to assure our customer's right to be heard. We are going to add another layer to this communication system, another ear to hear the customer's views."

Neighborhood Grocery Has
A Very Good Selection of

FRESH VEGETABLES

And All Your

DAILY HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

We Also Have A Good Selection of Ladies' & Men's Hose

Cold Cuts

Lots Of Cold Beer & Wine To Take Out.

AFRO Fun Fashion Wigs $15.95

We Pay Special Attention To The Kids

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY

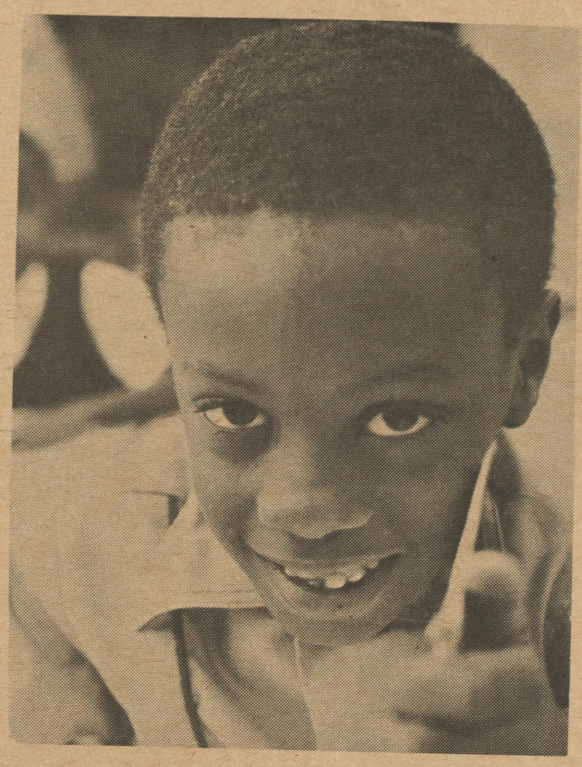
1338 Cherry

OPEN 10 TO 10 MON., TUES. & THURS.
OPEN AT 2 P.M. WED – 12 NOON TO 6 P.M. SUNDAY
PHONE 755-9546

Kiddies Write About Their World

Reginald Bond, son of Mrs Bernadine Essey.

Adam Gonzales, son of Mr & Mrs Francisco Gonzales.



Craig Presley, son of Mrs Eloise Pittman.

MY FIRST TRIP BY PLANE
By Reginald Bond

My first time riding on a plane was groovy. I had fun. I ate lunch and I received a Junior pilot badge. I kept it and took it as I went to Washington. I was going to visit my Grandmother. I was there in no time. I was very glad to see her and she was glad to see me.

WHEN SPRING COMES
By Adam Gonzales

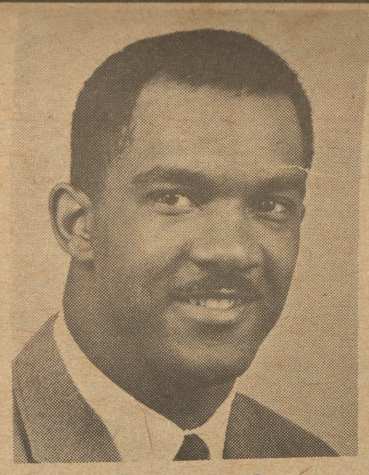
When Spring comes I am going to ride my bike. I will ask my Father can we go to the park. He will say, "Yes." He will put us some pops and beans and hamburgers and popcorn in a basket. We will get in the car and go to a park. Mother thinks Spring and Summer is a lovely time to go picnicing. We will eat and go home.

See Page 12

Erica Dawkins, daughter of Mr & Mrs Johnny Dawkins.

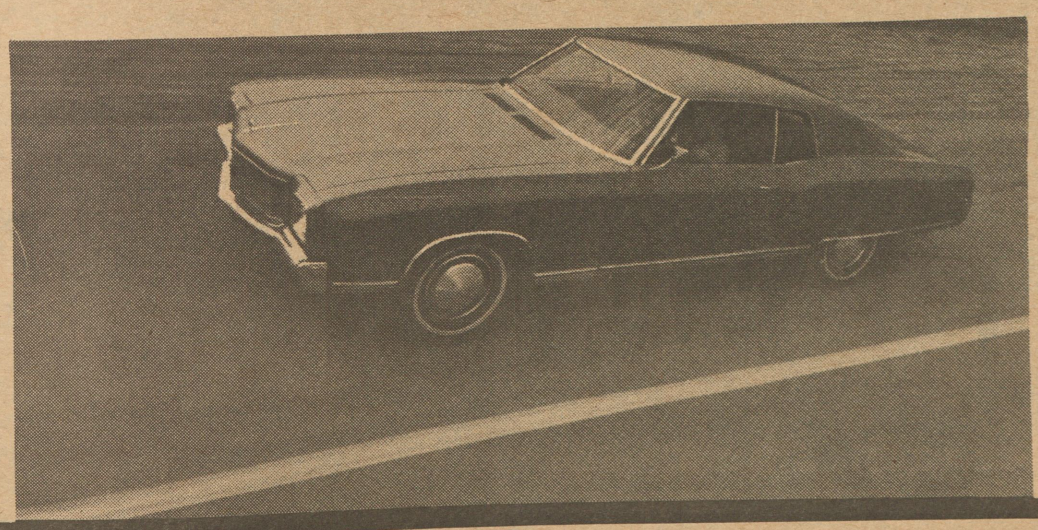
Michael Surles, son of Mr & Mrs Chester Surles.

Wow! Mom Can We Have A Ride In That New Monte Carlo? Yes Dear, Don Bradley Says.



See Me At Draper Chevrolet, Saginaw . . . I Can Find That New Car For You.

1405 N. Michigan
Phone 755-8161



Spring Tea Held At St. Luke's

On Sunday afternoon, March 28, 1971, an annual spring tea was held at St. Luck C.M.E. Church, hosted this year by the newly-begun Gospel Chorus. This pre-Easter tea is given by a different group from the church each year, to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

The church parlor was gaily decorated with bright pastels for this years event, the theme of which was "The Beauty of the Flowers: The Perfect Bud." The idea is that each table in the buffet is to be decorated by a separate group, and a judging is held to decide which group has been most creative, most original, and carried out the theme best.

This year the first prize ribbon went to the table prepared by the Pastor's Aid Board and Usher Board #1. Second place went to the Missionary and Steward Boards, third to the Stewardesses and the Trustee Board, and Honorable Mention to the Senior Choir and Usher Board #2. The judges this year were: Mrs George V. Morris, Mrs George Evans, and Mrs Mary Lane.

The program featured a muscial skit entitled "The Beauty of the Flowers," narrated by Mrs Charliestein Morris, in which the special symbolism of the lily, the rose, the tulip, the dogwood , the orchid, and the carnation were dramatically portrayed.

The people responsible for the preparation of this buffet and reception, modestly called a tea, and for the presentation of the program deserve much credit, and a few of their names are given here: Mrs Judy Henderson, President, Gospel Chorus; Mrs Delma Draine, Program Chairman; Mrs Marion Prudhomme, Chorus Organist; Miss Sherry Draine, Mistress of Ceremonies; Rev and Mrs O. L. Barr, Pastor.

The example of St. Luke C.M.E. Church shows once again that church activities are not limited to worship only, but include assembling of ourselves together for fellowship as well.

Mrs Drain standing between sister and daughter.

At the tea.

Pastors aid and usher boy number 1.

From Page 11

MY TEACHER
by Craig Presley

My Teacher's name is Mrs Welch. She is the teacher who works in room eight. Sometime she is surprised when I do something bad. She gives the pupil's hard work to do. We write stories. Our Teacher made My Best Board. She puts out best work on it. My Teacher is sick today.

WHEN SPRING COMES
by Erica Dawkins

When Spring comes I will go outside and will not put on my shoes or coat. I will play ball, jump rope, play bingo and jacks. Then I will go and put on my bathing suit. I will get the hose and wash my body.

MY SURPRISE PARTY
by Michael Surles

One day I played with my friends. I was very happy because I had many friends. My friends and I played hide and seek. My friend's name is Keith. Keith was it. Keith found me, because I was laughing. Now I was it. We went riding on our bikes. Keith and I went over to Tim's house. My friend Gregory came over to my house and asked where I was. Mother told Gregory she didn't know. She told him to go over to Tim's house and see if I was there. So Gregory came over. He saw us playing. He said can I play. We played together until night. We all went home and I went to bed. The next day was morning. I woke up and put on my clothes, I washed my face and ate breakfast and brushed my teeth. I took my bike out of the door. I went over to Keith's house. I knocked at the door. Keith let me in and I asked him what did he want to do. He wanted to play with the trucks. We went and got an apple before we got the trucks. I washed mine off. But Keith didn't wash his off. We played a long time then I went home. When I got there Mother had a big surprise party for me. I ate some cake and cookies. I got toys. Then I went to bed.

OIC On The MOVE

CHARLES A. BOVAN
Executive Director

KARLENE D. BEATTY
Administrative Assistant

- PRE-VOCATIONAL
- VOCATIONAL
- JOB PLACEMENT
- COUNSELING
- GE TRAINING

O.I.C. HELPS YOU STAND TALL AMONG YOUR FELLOW MEN

2017 JANES STREET

752-4158

"We Help Ourselves" OIC